

### STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

The application was filed with claims 1-34.

Claims 2-4, 6, 7, 12, 13, 17, 23, 27, and 28 have been cancelled based on the restriction by the Examiner and the election by the Applicant to prosecute the claims in group 1.

Claims 1, 5, 8-11, 14-16, 18-22, 24-26, and 29-34 remain in the application for consideration.

Claims 32-34 have been allowed;

On Appeal, the rejection of Claims 1, 5, 8-11, 14-16, 18-22, 24-26, and 29-30 was affirmed, and the rejection of Claim 31 was reversed.

**PROFFERED AMENDMENT**

Please cancel claims 1, 5, 8-11, 14-16, 18-22, 24-26, and 29-30, without  
prejudice.

**CURRENT STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

1. (cancelled)
2. (cancelled)
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29. (cancelled)

30. (cancelled)

31. **(original-rejection reversed by Board)** A method of treating a left ventricular aneurysm by inserting the sac of claim 20 in the left ventricle of the heart, as an addition to or step of a conventional operative repair of a left ventricular aneurysm.

32. **(allowed)** A method of treating a ventricular septal defect by inserting the sac of claim 20 in the left ventricle of the heart and connecting the sac to the annulus of the mitral valve and to the annulus of the aortic valve.

33. **(allowed)** A method of treating primary pulmonary hypertension by inserting the sac of claim 20 in the right ventricle of the heart and connecting the sac to the annulus of the tricuspid valve and to the annulus of the pulmonic valve.

34. **(allowed)** A method of treating rupture of the ventricle by inserting the sac of claim 20 in the ventricle of the heart and connecting the sac to the annulus of the inflow valve and to the annulus of the outflow valve.